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My dear Garrison

I have received & read your letter of the 25th, & handed it to C. M. Burleigh & James Mott, who have also read it. Each has expressed his opinion & it seems we are all of the same mind in regard to it, & Mr Mott advises that I should write you an immediate answer without waiting to consult with others.

Our opinion is that your attendance at our meeting will subject you to no risk. West Chester is a quiet Quaker town, in a quiet Quaker county. The ladies are intelligent and orderly. They were delighted with Wendell, and some of the leading men, not abolitionists have expressed a particular desire to hear you.

We expect to have no trouble at the meeting at all. Some have advised that as the public mind has been fretted by the Christiana affair, that it would not be best to hold evening meetings, a suggestion upon which we shall probably act, but no one not even the most

timid intimates a fear that meetings in the daylight would be disturbed.

In the city the case would be might be somewhat different; but even there I could believe you might hold a meeting any day in the week, especially on Sunday & in daylight, without the slightest risk. But as we cannot be as certain of this as we are in regard to meetings in the county, we — that is C. M. B. James Mott & myself — would advise that our proposed Sunday meeting be given up, or at least not advertised till we can first be consulted in person in regard to it.

We are firmly desirous that you should come on. We think you would be perfectly safe, that you would enjoy yourself, & that you would do a world of good.

I saw Mrs Mott to-day & she desired a desire to know just when you were coming on. You will write to her I presume as soon as you receive this.

Yours in great haste

J. M. McKim